



MEMENTOES OF THE PAST are seen from Torrance in Lomita. The old oil derricks are being replaced with shrub-hidden pumps as shopping centers and residences are integrated into what was once oil fields with derricks such as those above sprouting up as thick as wheat stubble in Kansas.

—PRESS photo by Bill Schell.

300 Years Of Coins

Three hundred years of American coinage will be shown at the Bank of America's new Lomita-Torrance branch during an open house on Friday, Feb. 7. The branch is located at 25435 Crenshaw Blvd., in the Airport Plaza Shopping Center.

The collection includes such historical pieces as a note issued by Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1777 and engraved by Paul Revere, the 1787 Fugio penny which was the first coin authorized by Congress, and currency issued by the Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The collection is owned by Cyrus H. Phillips, who will be on hand to discuss the collection.

"The collection is both entertaining and educational," said Vincent Bauchiero, manager of the branch.

Other features of the open house will include special displays, a guessing contest offering as prizes savings accounts up to \$50, refreshments and free souvenirs for every member of the family, said Bauchiero.

The "Zero" Mystery

(Continued from Page A-6) through the first critical half-century of its life — from July 4, 1776, to March 4, 1825, when Monroe turned the reins over to John Quincy Adams and a younger generation of men.

Then, during the next century of Zero Presidential election years — 1840 to 1940 — all of the men elected to be President on those Zero years have died in office: William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, William McKinley, Warren G. Harding, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Also Zachary Taylor, the only other President to die in office, passed away July 9, 1850, after being stricken at a Fourth of July celebration in a non-election Zero year, thus strangely combining those two fateful phenomena.

So it has come to pass that the Presidents of our Revolution who were linked to the first two of our Zero Presidential election years died on the birthday of the country they helped to create, and each successive President elected in a Zero year died in office — as though by taking the highest to remind us all of the mortality of man upon earth. Has that fateful and

mystic phenomena — the mystery of the Presidency — ceased after 162 years? It is a question of more than passing interest to us today, for John Fitzgerald Kennedy was elected in 1960 — the ninth Presidential zero election year in our history as a nation.

Burglars Hit Jewell Land

The office of the Jewell Land Co., 21188 Hawthorne Blvd., was broken into this week and an IBM electric typewriter and an electric adding machine were taken.

The office, police said, was entered by forcing an unsecured window in front of the building. The burglars apparently reached through the window to unlock the door.

The burglary was discovered by Lila M. Alden, of 2336 W. 249th St., Lomita, an employe of the office.



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A MONTHLY AUDIT is carried out each month by area Junior Achievement companies. Above, Jeannie Marshall, 16, of 3707 W. 225th St., Torrance, goes over the books of her company, Janaco, with Raymond Mayer, of General Milk Co. Mayer is one of several accountants who volunteer services for the audit.

FEATURE IN OIL
"History of Medicine" will be a 40-oil feature of art in this year's Hall of Health at Riverside County's National Date Festival at Indio, Feb. 15 through 24.

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Young men who have been recently initiated and accepted in the Torrance Chapter Order Of DeMolay are: David Alan Moore, 1741 Elm Ave., Paul Bruce Simpson of 22527 Gaycrest Ave., and John Richard Krone, 16719 Glenburn Ave., all of Torrance.

D. E. Stoner Shares In Big Contest

D. E. Stoner, of the Torrance Men's Shop, is one of the winners in a national \$50,000 contest sponsored by Hart Schaffner & Marx, of Chicago, a clothing manufacturer.

The announcement was made by Lou Schlanger, of the local store.

The contest was held to help Hart Schaffner & Marx observe its 75th anniversary. Nearly 4,000 retail clothing salesmen took part in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

89,300 FARMS
California has about 99,300 farms, of which about 67,000 are commercial farms. Average size is 372 acres.

NEW YEAR
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